



The Rotary Connection

One of the goals of Rotary is to help young people develop their leadership abilities and self-confidence to its fullest. To accomplish this goal, District 5500 Rotary clubs prepare young leaders across Southern Arizona through an annual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards workshop. RYLA events are planned, organized, and facilitate by Rotary volunteers.



Rotary clubs also sponsor other programs for young people including:

ROTORACT – service club for young adults 18-31 years of age

INTERACT – service club for high school students 14-18 years of age

Youth Exchange – a chance to live and study aboard

Ambassadorial Scholarships – for university and post-university studies



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

How to Apply for RYLA?

All RYLA delegates are selected, interviewed and sponsored by their local clubs. Rotary clubs in District 5500 have RYLA representatives, who can provide you an information packet and application for a chance to participate in this rewarding program.

To obtain more information visit the District 5500 website
www.rotaryd5500.org

1. Review information to include objectives, requirements and code of conduct.
2. Complete the application. Student & parents must sign. Be sure to answer questions on activities and leadership.
3. Submit the application to your local Rotary club.
4. All applicants will go through an interview and selection process.
5. Selected applicants will be notified in writing.
6. If selected, applicants must commit to attend and participate in the entire 4-day workshop 15-18 January 2010

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What is RYLA?

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive 4-day workshop for youth ages 14 to 17. These young adults are chosen for their leadership potential to attend an all-expenses-paid training program designed to build, strengthen, and exercise leadership skills used in all aspects of business, community, school and life. RYLA includes recreational and cultural activities, which emphasize individual and team development.

RYLA was organized and officially adopted by Rotary International in 1971 and has since proven to be one of the most sought after and highly recognized leadership training programs of its kind. In fact, colleges look for it and use it as a discriminator on applications.

Each year thousands of young adults, RYLA delegates, from incoming freshman to juniors in high school, take part in this experience worldwide. RYLA delegates come together from communities across District 5500 (Southern Arizona) and Exchange students from other countries. RYLA provides a memorable opportunity to learn, grow and have fun, while making some new friends along the way. Those who attend a RYLA workshop are generally better able to successfully manage their own lives and careers and make a difference in the community.



What Does RYLA Focus On?

RYLA focuses on leadership and professional development. The purpose is to give delegates an opportunity to listen and exchange ideas with other outstanding and potential young leaders. The RYLA core curriculum:

- ✓ Fundamentals of leadership
- ✓ Ethics of positive leadership
- ✓ Importance of communications skills in effective leadership
- ✓ Problem-solving and conflict management
- ✓ Building self-confidence and self-esteem
- ✓ Elements of community and global citizenship



What is RYLA Experience?

- ✓ Exposure to issues and exchange of ideas with thoughtful people
- ✓ Chance to explore new career paths or learning about your chosen field through discussion with successful adults
- ✓ Opportunity to learn how to coordinate activities and service projects at your school or in your community
- ✓ Ability to discuss creative approaches for resolving family, social, and professional conflicts
- ✓ Forum to get to know about Rotary decision-makers in your community and find out more about other Rotary programs for young people